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3rd Session of 4th Supreme People's Assembly Held in Presence of Marshal KIM IL SUNG, Great Leader

PYONGYANG, (KCNA) —The 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly was held in Pyongyang Apr. 24-26 in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Attending the session were Deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, and many functionaries of Party and Government organs and public organizations, workers in the domains of economy, science, culture, public health and art and working people waging a heroic struggle to carry through the Party's revolutionary line of stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel.

Diplomatic representatives of various countries in Pyongyang were invited there.

Respectfully placed on the platform was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious, iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, who has confidently led our revolution along the one road of victory taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and nation for 40 odd years, and restored the lost fatherland, made our people the proud master of the country and turned our country into a powerful, dignified socialist power.

Soaring high there was a model of Mt. Paikdoo symbolizing the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle inherited by our Party and people and hanging unfurled there was a flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea— the glorious fatherland—which the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters won at the cost of their blood and which fine sons and daughters of our people defended with their lives.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform at 4 on the afternoon of Apr. 24.

At that moment, the entire Deputies and attendants rose to their feet as one and warmly welcomed with resounding shouts of *Manse* (hurrah) and thunderous cheers and prolonged stormy applause Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea and the first state of proletarian dictatorship in our country, the founder of the glorious revolutionary traditions, the historical roots of our Party and the Korean revolution, and the great ideas of *Juche*, the respected and beloved Leader of our people who ushered in the new era of socialism and communism in our country, and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement.

The platform of the 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held in Pyongyang from Apr. 24 to 26 in the presence of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader

The platform was also taken up by Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Kim Kwang Hyup, Pak Sung Chul, Li Joo Yun, Nam Il, Li Jong Ok, Pak Jung Ai, Kim Ik Sun, Li Yung Ho, Suk San, Kim Yung Joo, Li Kook Jin, Hyun Moo Kwang, Chung Joon Taik, Han Sang Doo and Kim Dong Kyoo.

The vice-Presidents of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Ministers of the Cabinet and members of the Presidium of the SPA were also in the platform party.

The Chairman and vice-Chairmen of the SPA took the chair.

After an opening address was made by Paik Nam Woon, Chairman of the SPA, the following agenda was adopted:

On the Results of the Fulfilment of the 1968 State Budget and on the 1969 State Budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (submitted by the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea)

Comrade Yoon Ki Bok, Minister of Finance, delivered a report on the agenda.

Then Deputy Kang Hi Won, member of the Budgetary Committee of the SPA, made a report on the result of the examination of the results of the fulfilment of last year's state budget and the state budget for this year by the Budgetary Committee of the SPA.

The second-day sitting of the 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly continued on the 25th.

That day many Deputies made speeches "On the Results of the Fulfilment of the 1968 State Budget and on the 1969 State Budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," the item on the agenda.

The 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly which opened in Pyongyang on Apr. 24 in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, closed on Apr. 26 after winding up with success the discussion on the item on the agenda.

At the meeting on the 26th the discussion continued "On the Results of the Fulfilment of the 1968 State Budget and on the 1969 State Budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," the item on the agenda,

Then a decision endorsing the results of the fulfilment of the 1968 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a decree on the 1969 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were adopted with unanimous approval at the meeting.

Paik Nam Woon, Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly made a closing address.

The 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly which was held for three days fully demonstrated the sagacity of the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who put forth the great ideas of *Juche* and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and always leads our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity, and the incomparable superiority of the socialist system of our country provided by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, and the great vitality of the line of building an independent national economy, set forth by him.

The session also clearly exhibited our people's boundless reverence

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Korean People Do Not Want to Provoke Anyone First, But Will Never Allow Anyone to Provoke Us

Rodong Shinmoon's Editorial

PYONGYANG, Apr. 25 (KCNA) —The Korean people do not want to provoke anyone first, but will never allow anyone to insult and provoke us, Rodong Shinmoon sternly warns today in an editorial.

It declares with emphasis that the men and officers of our People's Army and our people are always maintaining a mobilized posture in view of all the aggressive manoeuvres and possible war provocation by the enemy and are fully prepared to return retaliation for the "retaliation" of the aggressors, all-out war for all-out war.

The editorial expresses full support to the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 23 in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists infiltrated a large-size reconnaissance plane into the territorial air of our country on Apr. 15 to conduct an aggressive espionage act and, following this, are raising a frantic war racket against our Republic by mobilizing their aggressor armed forces on a large scale.

The editorial says:

The stand of the Government of the Republic manifested in the recent statement fully reflected the unanimous will of the entire Korean people who are firmly determined not to overlook or tolerate any aggressive act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors but to decisively smash it and resolutely safeguard the security and sovereignty of their country.

The Korean people support the statement of the Government of the Republic in its entirety and vehemently denounce with surging indignation the frenzied war drives of the U.S. imperialists who perpetrated a hostile act of espionage by illegally infiltrating a large-size spy plane into the territorial air of our country and are bringing their aggressor armed forces on a large scale to the adjacent seas of our country.

Noting that the recent hostile act of espionage in the territorial air of our country by a large-size spy plane was precisely a link in the whole chain of the premeditated manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea, the editorial says: The U.S. imperialists are trying to bolster up the tottering foundation of their colonial rule over South Korea and, at the same time, attain their aggressive ambition against the whole of Korea by hook or by crook by unleashing a new war of aggression.

It points out that the U.S. imperialists have long been stepping up war preparations, reinforcing their aggressor armed forces and the South Korean puppet army, incessantly introducing various kinds of new type weapons and combat materiel into South Korea, expanding military establishments, military airfields, harbours and strategic roads and staging large-scale military exercises there and ever more openly perpetrating hostile acts and military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the ground and the sea and in the air in crude violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

During the period from the beginning of this year till Apr. 10 last alone, military provocations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the northern half of the Republic amounted to as many as 2,180 and more cases, counting only those officially protested against by our side at the Military Armistice Commission, the editorial notes.

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Reminiscences of Anti-Japanese Guerrillas

Great Plan for the Fatherland's Restoration

By Lim Choon Choo

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We must acquaint the believers in Chondogyo with the peasant uprising (the Kabo peasant war) led by Jon Bong Jun as well as the anti-Japanese movements of their fellow believers, and must rouse the believers in Daejonggyo to burn with righteous national indignation by telling them how the Korean nation with a brilliant history of 4,000 years can tolerate such inhuman maltreatment and contempt under the tyranny of the despicable Japanese imperialists.

We must thus vigorously carry on the organizational work of gradually rallying even the religious men around the anti-Japanese united national front....

In view of the actual situation at the time when various religions were widespread in Hwanghae and Pyongan Provinces and other parts of Korea, and of the fact that there were no small number of people connected with them, Comrade Kim Il Sung emphasized it as one of the important duties confronting the Korean Communists, to enlist the conscientious believers into the anti-Japanese united national front.

Comrade Kim Il Sung proceeded to teach them in a concrete way the rules and methods of work with women, youths, children and various anti-Japanese units.

Then, emphasizing the need of widely employing the local organizations and groups recognized by the enemy in the work of expanding and strengthening the organizational networks of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, Comrade Kim Il Sung outlined concrete methods of work within the legal organizations in the following manner.

...Beginning with evening classes, athletic meets, social gatherings, associations of supporters for the school, religious organizations, associations for rural development, etc., we must extensively utilize even reactionary organizations set up by the enemy. Going in among the lower masses in such organizations, the Communists must help them realize the situation of their nation and further their class awakening through persistent explanation and persuasion and drew them into the anti-Japanese united national front.

This is a very difficult work requiring circumspection. Revolutionary history tells us that a momentary blunder may give away the secret of the organization. Taking to heart this lesson learned at the cost of blood, we must not relax our revolutionary vigilance for a moment....

In connetion with the work of the anti-Japanese united national front, Comrade Kim Il Sung stressed the need of developing more extensively and raising to a new high the mass political propaganda work, and posed some questions of principle to be observed in carrying out the propaganda and agitation work by illegal means.

As to the method of propaganda and agitation, he spoke to this effect:

...What is needed for our propaganda and agitation work to grasp the hearts of the masses? It is of primary importance that the propagandists themselves have a concrete understanding of the real situation and characteristics of those to whom their propaganda is addressed. If they have no or insufficient understanding of them, their propaganda and agitation work will suffer from subjectivism and formalism, serving no purpose whatever.

Oral or written propaganda, visual aids, newspapers, weeklies and monthlies must be set out in lucid language with rich content.

Redundant and difficult words should be avoided. Though of a few words, if a propaganda material is easy for the people to understand and moves their hearts, it will be far more powerful than thousands of materials, written in difficult language with poor content. Particularly, in view of the utmost secrecy of our work, a handbill difficult to understand and inconvenient to carry is by no means advisable....

Speaking about the content of propaganda and agitation, Comrade Kim Il Sung gave pointers as to the distinction between the content to be delivered among the Party organizations and the revolutionary army and that intended for the broad anti-Japanese masses.

...The main subjects within the Party organizations and the revolutionary army should be principles of our strategy and tactics based on Marxism-Leninism, the guidance of the revolutionary masses and method of work with them, the theory on building the Party and revolutionary organizations, the formation of the anti-Japanese united national front and the Party's guidance of the front, etc.

On the other hand, in our propaganda work with the anti-Japanese masses, we must explain and inculcate the content of the Ten-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland according to their preparedness and different social standings. At the same time, we must acquaint the people with the achievements made by the Soviet Union in socialist construction and her might, induce them to support and protect the Soviet Union and instill in them a firm conviction of victory in the revolution.

It is also important to strengthen class education and the work of disseminating the ideas of scientific socialism among the masses of workers and peasants and among the revolutionary intellectuals. Only by so doing can we ensure the leading role of the working class in the anti-Japanese united national front....

The wise and concrete instructions of Comrade Kim Il Sung to organize and expand the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland as an organization of the anti-Japanese united national front, the Ten-point Programme and the inaugural declaration of the Association presented to us a grand and full picture of the Korean revolution, making every detail of it tangible and clear to everybody.

The attendants of the conference again did admire the outstanding Marxist-Leninist views and intelligence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, his correct analysis of and deep-going insight into the political situation and class relations in the Korean society and his ardent patriotism.

The attendants of the conference, feeling self-confidence and pride in the fact that the Korean people had a wise Leader of the revolution, and firmly confident of the victory in the revolution, gave their ardent support to his strategic policy on organizing the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland.

In conclusion, the conference discussed concretely the question of founding a Marxist-Leninist Party in Korea.

The Korean Communists headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung waged from the initial stage of their anti-Japanese armed struggle a tenacious struggle to wipe out the evil consequences of the factional strife of the factional elements, the ulcer in the communist movement in Korea, to do away with the ideological survivals of reliance on others without any independence, to consolidate unity and solidarity in the communist ranks and to bring up and strengthen the nuclei of communist leadership.

The loss in our revolution caused by the "Left" adventurism of the factional elements and narrow-minded nationalists who drove the masses into reckless uprisings in the early 1930's, the serious loss inflicted upon the communist movement in Korea by the manoeuvres of the factionalists who had conducted the struggle against "Minsaengdan" in an ultra-left manner since 1933—surmounting all these grave trials, Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly adhered to his own views and independence as a Korean Communist, and thus saved the revolution from a crisis and brought up and trained the leading core.

Such being the case, the Comintern also duly appraised the line of Comrade Kim Il Sung on founding a Party and the work of Korean Communists, encouraging them more rapidly to promote the work of founding a Party in Korea.

Under these conditions, the conference discussed the matter of further concretizing the line for the foundation of a Party advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Nanhutou Conference.

At the conference he elucidated the question of making concrete preparations for founding a Party.

While stressing the necessity of firmly building up the communist pivots he said to this effect:

...To found a Party definite organizational pivots are necessary. These organizational pivots consist of the leading nuclei of Communists steeled and tested in the actual struggle. Accordingly, we Communists must further push ahead with the work of expanding and consolidating the ranks of leading nuclei, the basis for founding a Party....

Comrade Kim Il Sung then emphasized the need of steadily expanding and consolidating the Party organization. He said:

...We must constantly expand and strengthen the Party organization by enlisting in the Party more advanced elements from among the workers, peasants and revolutionary intellectuals who are steeled and tested in the guerilla and anti-Japanese revolutionary struggles. This work should be carried on not only in the guerilla ranks and in northeast China; it should be actively carried on even in the homeland.

So far we have failed to carry on this work properly among the progressive workers, peasants and intellectuals at home. Proceeding from this, we must first set up organizational networks of the Party at home, decisively overcome factionalism and "Left" and Right deviations, the ulcer in the past communist movement at home, and rally the Communists at home organizationally....

Laying stress on bringing up and training the enlisted Party members into indomitable revolutionary fighters, Comrade Kim Il Sung said that a Party working committee should be organized for the unified guidance of the Party organizations to be formed at home, as well as of the work of founding a Party.

His words on preparing for the founding of a Party and particularly his well-advised and wise policy of organizing Party organizations at home and expanding and strengthening them for the purpose of laying the organizational foundation of a Marxist-Leninist Party to be organized in the future enjoyed unanimous support.

The conference also discussed the problem of reorganizing the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, and, in this connection, the proposal of Comrade Kim Il Sung—his stand of *Juche* to make a contribution to the international revolution by successfully carrying out the Korean revolution—was adopted unanimously, enjoying support and admiration of the attendants of the conference.

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The grand programmatic policy on the Korean revolution proposed by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Tungkang Conference not only marked a great turning-point in the development of the Korean revolution in the 1930's but also clearly illumined the road of democratic development which Korea should follow after the victory of the revolution.

On the basis of this policy, units of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army set up new guerilla bases in the border area of Korea, expanded and reinforced the Party organizations at home and in the Changpai area, extensively developed the work of organizing the anti-Japanese united national front such as the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland and National Liberation Union and thus brought about a great upsurge in the revolution by fully controlling and guiding the Korean revolutionary movement.

They converted Shangkangkou, Chungkangkou and Hsiakangkou in Changpai county into revolutionary districts and, in these districts alone, enlisted hundreds of thousands of masses in the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, furthermore, they rallied numerous anti-Japanese masses at home around the Korean National Liberation Union, Anti-Japanese Union, etc., waging an anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle on an extensive mass basis.

The Korean people came to see clearly the future of their fatherland in the grand programme set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung and, with pride and firm confidence in victory in the revolution as harbingered by the torchlight of the restoration of the fatherland which blazed high at Bochonbo and in the repeated victories attained by the People's Revolutionary Army in the border area of Korea, came out in great number to join the anti-Japanese front.

The programmatic policy of Comrade Kim Il Sung ushered in an era, of which the Korean nation is boundlessly proud, opening the glorious pages of the 1930's, a brilliant period in our revolutionary history.

It is thanks to this grand programme that the Korean Communists could greet the brilliant day of restoration of the fatherland, displaying indomitableness in the arduous, protracted anti-Japanese armed struggle, and it is thanks to the foundation of such scientific strategy and tactics that the Korean people could have successfully proceeded with the building of a new society after liberation.

That we could found and consolidate our glorious Party under the complicated conditions created immediately after the Liberation when the anti-Party factionalists, alien elements, parochialists, renegades to the revolution, and all shades of Philistines came out under the mask of patriots and leaders, and that we could successfully carry out the democratic reforms, firmly holding in our hands the genuine people's power and upholding the Twenty-point Platform based on the Ten-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland and bring about the brilliant results of today in socialist construction, are all attributable to the fact that the Communists, under the wise guidance of such a great Leader as Comrade Kim Il Sung and under his leadership, were provided with the great programme as far back as the 1930's, and to the bedrock foundation formed in the course of the protracted anti-Japanese armed struggle.

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for and infinite loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the supreme brain and heart of our revolution, and the inexhaustible strength and invincible might of our people who, firmly armed with the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader, are vigorously dashing forward under his wise leadership.

The session fully showed above all the unshakable determination of our people to put further spur to economic construction and defence upbuilding, rallied closer than ever before around the Party and the Leader under the tense situation created by the intrusion of a spy plane of the U.S. imperialists into the territorial air of our country and the new war racket frantically raised by the U.S. imperialists with this incident as an occasion, and to make full preparations with heightened revolutionary vigilance to return retaliation for the "retaliation" of the aggressors, all-out war for all-out war and crush and annihilate the U.S. imperialists at a stroke if they dare ignite a new war in this land.

Northern Half of DPRK Turned into Impregnable Fortress

Holding Hammer, Sickle in One Hand and Rifle in Other

Today in the northern half of the DPRK all the people are under arms and the whole country has turned into an impregnable fortress.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and genius military strategist, put forth the original military line of turning the whole army into an army of cadres and into a modern army and of arming the entire people and fortifying the whole country, in order to make the defence capabilities of the country invincible.

Through the struggle to carry out this military line of the Workers' Party of Korea indicated by the great Leader, the Korean People's Army has become a steel-like cadre army each man of which is a match for 100 foes and is able to beat any invasion at one stroke at any time and in any place.

The invincible might of the KPA was demonstrated again in the fact that an Air Force unit of the KPA brought down on Apr. 15 with a single shot a reconnaissance plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces, "EC-121" with about five and a half tons of electronic gear, which had intruded into the territorial air of the northern half of the Republic.

Along with the heroic Korean People's Army—the invincible revolutionary armed forces of the Workers' Party of Korea and people—the Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen in factories and mines, towns and rural villages, forests and fishing villages, and other places throughout the country, holding tightly a hammer and sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other, are making full combat preparations to provide against the U.S. imperialists' moves for another war, while accelerating socialist construction, maintaining a strained posture of always being prepared for action.

Putting forward a slogan "A Hammer and Sickle in One Hand and a Rifle in the Other!" Marshal Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and genius in military strategy who organized the revolutionary armed forces and defeated the gangster-like Japanese imperialists through the arduous, yet glorious 15-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle and achieved the restoration of the fatherland and who mobilized the entire Korean people in the heroic war of resistance when the U.S. imperialists who occupied South Korea in place of Japanese imperialism ignited an aggressive war, thus enabling the Korean people to safeguard the freedom of the fatherland and dignity of the nation, repulsing the aggressors, put weapons in the hands of the workers, co-op farmers and working intellectuals.

The Korean people once lost their country due to Japanese imperialist invasion and were subjected to the intolerable national insult.

But today's Korean people are not the people in the past.

They are the people who are now under the ever-victorious leadership of the great Leader of the Korean revolution Marshal Kim Il Sung, iron-willed brilliant commander and they are the people who possess the invincible combat power capable of crushing any imperialist aggressors at a stroke if they dare to attack the Korean people holding tightly the weapons given by the Leader.

The brave Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen, along with the Korean People's Armymen, are all body-guards defending the Party and the Leader with their lives and death-defying corps upholding and carrying through unconditionally the Party's lines and policies put forward by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"In order to strengthen defence power, it is necessary, first of all, to firmly prepare the People's Army and the entire people politically and ideologically."

All Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen do their utmost, first of all, to equip themselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, upholding the teachings of the respected and beloved Leader.

They have made a deep study of his works to make their blood and flesh of the ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung expounded in them and think and act according to his ideas and will, and have striven energetically to establish a revolutionary tone of accepting his teachings unconditionally and carrying them through to the end.

Along with this, they have done their best to equip themselves with the glorious revolutionary traditions of the Workers' Party of Korea built up by the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen are all innovators in production when they hold hammers and sickles and "a-match-for-a-hundred" combatants when they hold rifles.

There is no set rated capacity in production for the militiamen single-heartedly and infinitely true to the Party and the Leader. They say: "What the Party and the Leader require of us is our rated capacity and work norm."

Columns of infantrymen of the Korean People's Army, the invincible revolutionary armed forces led by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people

The working class of the Kangsun Steel Works raised the steel production level of the blooming mill with a rated capacity of 60,000 tons to 500,000 tons. The Korean working class has advanced, advanced, fought and advanced smashing conservatism, passivism and mystification about technology, holding aloft the revolutionary banner of self-reliance unfurled by the respected and beloved Leader. Today they can make whatever the Party and the Leader require of them—6,000-ton press, large-scale excavator, 75-H.P. tractor, 25-ton-class lorry, large diesel and electric engines and other large machines and equipment and precision machines. They are the very militiamen.

The militiamen in the countryside stand in the van of the technical, cultural and ideological revolutions upholding the "Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country" published by Marshal Kim Il Sung and play a leading role in the struggle for bringing about a great upsurge in agricultural production.

The Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen, armed with the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, have striven to increase their combat capacity so as to match 100 foes each in case of emergency, making continued innovations and steady advance in socialist construction.

The whole country has been fortified. Photo: A powerful cannon of the KPA

To cite as instance the Red Worker-Peasant Militia unit of the factory where Kim Dong Joon works.

The men of the unit not only took an active part in the regular combat and political training but also practiced sighting whenever they had time to spare, carrying with them model sights, to raise marksmanship and made every effort to become expert in handling various weapons.

Thanks to such strenuous efforts they have now become expert in their arms, and have all become crack shots never missing the mark and "a-match-for-a-hundred" revolutionary soldiers capable of knocking down the enemy at a blow under any circumstances.

This is not confined to this unit alone, but this is also the case with all militia units of the DPRK.

Indeed, today the Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen have grown up as crack shots who know how to handle various weapons and combat-technical equipment dexterously and never miss the mark and as competent combatants capable of coping with modern warfare proficiently.

All the Korean people, old and young, men and women, are fully ready to come out as one to beat down the enemy should he attack them.

The idea of self-defence of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, has been embodied. As a result, an all-people defence system with the Korean People's Army as its backbone has been firmly established in the northern half of the country today.

U.S. imperialist aggressors, don't act rashly!

Marshal Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"We do not want war, but are never afraid of it. Our people and People's Army will return retaliation for the 'retaliation' of the U.S. imperialists, all-out war for all-out war. The U.S. imperialists must fully be aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time."

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors start another war recklessly they will meet with a heavier defeat at the hands of the heroic Korean people who are all under arms, determined to fight the aggressors to the last and get fully prepared for action.

Invincible are the Korean people who are fighting for the victory of the socialist and communist cause and for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of the country's unification, closely united around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and genius military strategist, and all armed with the People's Army as the core under his leadership.

Members of a Red Worker-Peasant Militia unit are strengthening their combat capacity so as to become revolutionary fighters, each man being a match for 100 foes and boundlessly faithful to the Workers' Party of Korea and Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

CHONGRYUN C.S.C. Fully Supports DPRK Gov't Statement

Demanding Withdrawal of U.S. Imperialists from S. Korea

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 23 a statement in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists perpetrated one more grave act of military provocation by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of the DPRK on Apr. 15 last and are newly raising a war racket, utilizing this incident.

The Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) issued a statement fully supporting the statement of the Government of the DPRK and protesting at and denouncing the U.S. imperialist manoeuvrings to provoke a new war.

A vice-Chairman Li Kye Baik of the Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN gave a press conference to Korean and foreign reporters on the 24th in this connection.

The statement of the C.S.C. of CHONGRYUN reads in full:

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 23 a statement in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists are carrying out manoeuvrings to launch a new war, mobilizing aggressive armed forces on a large scale in the wake of perpetrating an act of hostile espionage by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country.

In the statement the DPRK Government strongly denounced the U.S. imperialists for such a grave provocative act, and at the same time it reclarified its unshakable stand to resolutely cope with their reckless acts of aggression and to protect the sovereignty of our country to the end.

The Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN, in the name of the 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan, fully supports the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As is well known, the U.S. imperialists who have made frenzied efforts to unleash a new war in Korea, infiltrated a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country on Apr. 15 last, thereby perpetrating a criminal provocative act.

An Air Force unit of the heroic Korean People's Army meted out a suitable punishment to the U.S. imperialists by bringing down with a single shot their reconnaissance plane which was committing the brigandish aggressive act.

This is a legitimate exercise of sovereignty by the Korean people which no one is allowed to prevent and a self-defence measure which fully comforms to international law.

Despite this, the U.S. imperialists are blaring like a thief crying "Stop thief" as if the reconnaissance plane were shot down while "engaged in lawful reconnaissance activity" in the "air over the high seas" and shamelessly clamouring that the self-defence measure of our country was an aggressive act.

Moreover, the U.S. imperialists are committing open military provocative acts against our country, clamouring that they will take the so-called "protective measure" for the criminal "reconnaissance flights," by mobilizing many aggressive armed forces, including all kinds of warships and planes.

The U.S. imperialists, war ignitors and international gendarme, have used a most shameless stereotyped artifice calling black white, saying that "the other side provoked us," each time when they perpetrated the hostile acts of intruding into the territorial sea and air of other countries of the world, including our country. And the U.S. imperialist aggressors are continuously conducting the hostile act of espionage and a new military provocation by mobilizing on a large scale aggressive armed forces, alleging that the fact that this time they have been meted out deserving punishment for their espionage act is unjustifiable.

This is the same logic as that of a burglar who again assaults a house by mobilizing hooligans to take vengeance for the fact that he was repulsed by the master of the house when he broke into it.

We resolutely denounce with surging national indignation such acts of new war provocation by the U.S. imperialists.

As is well known to all, in flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, the U.S. imperialists have reinforced their armed forces of aggression and the South Korean puppet army, brought various kinds of new-type weapons into South Korea expanding military installations and so on, and committed without letup provocative acts against the DPRK on the ground, on the sea and in the air along the Military Demarcation Line.

The machinations of the U.S. imperialists to ignite a new war in Korea have come to a climax especially since they infiltrated the spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of the Republic on Jan. 23 last year and perpetrated hostile acts.

The U.S. imperialists who have put the whole of South Korea under "war preparedness" are kicking up a frantic war shindy, making desperate efforts to suppress the people in a fascist way.

The provocative acts alone in the air, on the sea and on the ground they committed around the Military Demarcation Line from the beginning of this year to Apr. 10 numbered over 2,180.

In particular, the "large-scale airborne assault operation" which was staged from last mid-March plainly shows that the war provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists have reached a new grave stage.

In the past few days alone, they have perpetrated undisguised provocative acts of firing bullets and shells into the northern half of the Republic around the Military Demarcation Line.

Owing to the U.S. imperialists' reckless provocation acts, a dangerous situation has now been created in Korea in which a war may break out again at any moment.

This situation has been created not because our side approached the U.S. mainland to commit a certain act but because the U.S. imperialists approached the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over 10,000 km away from their country across the Pacific Ocean to carry out hostile acts, violating our territorial waters and air and because they are still occupying the southern half, the sacred territory of our country.

These new war provocative acts of the U.S. imperialists are a serious menace to the peace and security not only of the Korean people but also of Asia and the whole world.

For their provocative acts against the Republic, the U.S. imperialists are now openly using their bases in Mainland Japan and in Okinawa.

The Japanese militarist forces are actively taking part in such an aggressive war policy of U.S. imperialism.

Especially, overtly supporting the criminal espionage act of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army against our country, the Japanese Government authorities including Japanese Prime Minister Sato are trying hard to "rationalize" it and go the length of unwarrantably flaying and attacking the Korean people for the justifiable self-defence measure.

This is another open expression of their gravely hostile policy against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people.

With whatever provocative act or "blackmail" the U.S. imperialists can never intimidate the Korean people.

The U.S. imperialists should get out of South Korea without delay with all their lethal weapons, immediately stopping ill-advised war provocative acts against the DPRK.

The Korean people who are rallied firmly around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, are fully prepared to decisively beat back any aggressive act of the enemy and are burning with a solid determination to drive the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea and fulfill an independent unification of the fatherland.

We are convinced that the Japanese people and peace-loving people all over the world will strongly oppose the U.S. imperialists' new war provocative act in Korea and will positively support the just struggle of the Korean people.

All Korean citizens in Japan, together with the people of the homeland, will more resolutely wage a struggle to smash the war provocative manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and to achieve the independent unification of the fatherland.

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It reveals that since Nixon appeared on the scene as the boss of U.S. imperialism, the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea have reached a more reckless stage.

Pointing to the hostile espionage act of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" in the territorial waters of our country in January last year and the recent hostile espionage act of a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialists in the territorial air of our country perpetrated as a link in the chain of the systematic schemes of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea, the editorial stresses: This is a brigandish act of aggression wantonly trampling underfoot the Korean Armistice Agreement and the publicly recognized norms of international law and a grave criminal provocation openly infringing upon the independency of a sovereign state.

Our punishment of this spy plane of the U.S. imperialists which recklessly intruded into the territorial air of our country to commit a hostile act is a legitimate self-defence measure and an exercise of sovereignty, publicly recognized by international law, the editorial remarks.

The editorial pungently denounces the U.S. imperialists who, in an attempt to justify the undeniable criminal act of their spy plane "EC-121," are again talking black into white as in the "Pueblo" incident, alleging that it was a "lawful activity" in the "air over high seas" and noisily describing the legitimate self-defence measure of our Republic as an "act of aggression."

On Apr. 18, Nixon tried to make it appear as if it were their long invested legitimate right to conduct reconnoitering activities against our country and made a provocative remark that reconnaissance flights against our country would continue in the future, too, and that such reconnaissance flights would be provided with "armed protection," the editorial says, and goes on:

This shameless statement is not new. It is a habitual tactics always employed by the U.S. imperialists through a historical period in invading other countries.

As for the "EC-121" plane in question, it was not a passenger plane, nor was it flying in the air above the U.S. mainland.

It was a spy plane equipped with up-to-date electronic apparatuses and a criminal which illegally intruded deep into the sacred territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, other's country thousands of kilometres away from the U.S. mainland, for the purpose of military espionage and committed an act of espionage.

The provocative utterances of Nixon fully revealed the aggressive intention of the U.S. imperialists to lead the situation further to war by aggravating the tension in Korea.

Referring to the shameless assertion of Nixon that reconnoitering activities against our country are necessary for "protecting" South Korea and the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops stationed in South Korea, the editorial says: This is a gangster-like logic which can be invented only by the U.S. imperialists who make the practice of invading others' countries.

The U.S. imperialists say that they would provide "armed escort" to their hostile reconnaissance flights over our country. This is a very dangerous and high-handed military gamble.

The jargon of the U.S. imperialists about "armed escort" is designed to launch a full-scale armed attack on our country by using it as a pretext and unleash a new total war in Korea in the end.

The statement of Nixon is one more open provocation against our country and our people. To all intents and purposes it is an open declaration revealing his criminal intention to take a step further to the brink of war.

Saying that provocative military measures and war racket on bellicose orders of Nixon have created a still more tense situation in Korea, the editorial declares:

We resolutely condemn and denounce the intrusion of a spy plane of the U.S. imperialists into the territorial air of our country and their extremely dangerous new war provocation racket as a naked aggressive act against our people and a grave challenge to peace in Asia and the world.

The editorial points out:

Our people are filled with the firm determination to resolutely repulse any acts infringing upon our sovereignty.

The Korean people today are not the Korean people of yesterday when they were under the yoke of imperialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"...Our people turned from a nation who had been deprived of their country by foreign imperialists and suffered all sorts of humiliation and insult, into a mighty and dignified nation whom no one would dare to flout, into a resourceful people of a sovereign independent state who build their country with their own efforts, firmly holding power in their hands."

We will in the future too, as in the past, resolutely fight to defend our national sovereignty. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must clearly realize this and stop behaving rashly.

Noting that it is an urgent question to preserve and consolidate peace in Korea, the editorial says: In order to preserve and consolidate peace in Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the ringleader of aggression and disturber of peace, must be withdrawn from South Korea first of all.

The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their policy of aggression are the chief factor keying up the tension in Korea, the root cause of all the misfortunes and sufferings of the South Korean people and the basic obstacle to the unification of our country.

The U.S. imperialists must stop at once all their provocations against the Korean people and get out of South Korea without delay, taking with them their aggressor troops and lethal weapons.

The editorial goes on:

The might of our people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, is invincible.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung said, **"If the enemy forces a new war upon us, all the people will rise as one in a heroic struggle to defend the great socialist gains in the northern half of the Republic, attain the complete liberation and unification of the fatherland and safeguard peace in Asia and the world and will deal annihilating blows to the enemy."**

The struggle of our people against the aggression and new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism is a struggle to safeguard the honour and dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country and a just struggle to defend peace in Korea, Asia and the rest of the world, the editorial says, and declares:

We call upon all the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world to denounce more resolutely U.S. imperialism which is acting outrageously in Korea. We are convinced that they will express invariable, full support to and firm solidarity with the just cause of our people who are fighting to defend the security and sovereignty of their fatherland from the threat of U.S. imperialist aggression.

In conclusion, the editorial stresses that the Korean people who are fighting against the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war will certainly be crowned with victory.

Today's Minjoo Chosun also carries an editorial under the headline "The Korean People Will Never Tolerate Any Aggressive Acts of the Enemy Infringing upon Our Sovereignty."

Socialist Countries Unanimously Regard Self-Defence Measure of DPRK as Entirely Just

Socialist Press Condemns U.S. Imperialist Provocations against Korean People

Publications of socialist countries are lashing out at the aggressive moves and war policy of the U.S. imperialists, giving wide publicity to the report that the U.S. imperialist aggressors sustained a deserved punishment while committing again a grave provocative act against the Korean people.

Soviet Union

The Soviet papers **"Pravda," "Izvestia," "Krasnaya Zvezda"** and **"Moskovskaya Pravda"** carried on Apr. 17 and 18 the report on the criminal intrusion of a U.S. imperialist spy plane into the territorial air of the DPRK under the title "U.S. Provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

"Izvestia" pointed to the noisy war clamour kicked up by the U.S. imperialists over the deserved retaliation dealt to their military provocation against the Korean people. Referring to the assertion of the bosses of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces that the crew of the spy plane had been ordered not to go within 60 miles off the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a balderdash for finding a loophole, the paper stressed that this was a lie which did not pass even in the United States itself.

Bulgaria

The Bulgarian paper **"Rabotnichesko Delo"** came out with a commentary captioned "Successive Defeats."

It pointed out that the U.S. imperialists are raising a more desperate war racket following the intrusion of the spy plane "EC-121" into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The U.S. imperialists are destined for defeat as successive provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea show, and it is high time the United States realized this, stressed the commentary.

"Narodna Armiya" in a commentary stressed that the attempt of the U.S. imperialists to create the impression that their spy plane "did not intrude" into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was a totally groundless, self-willed argument.

"Otechestven Front" in a commentary on the intrusion of the U.S. imperialist spy plane into the DPRK territorial air, said that the new, grave provocation committed by the U.S. imperialists against the Republic has swept the world public to anger.

Hungary

On the 17th, Hungarian newspapers, radio and T.V., widely reported that valorous fighters of the Korean People's Army brought down at one stroke the spy plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces which had intruded deep into the territorial air of the DPRK.

"Nepszbadsag" pointed out in a commentary that the war bosses of the U.S. imperialists were quite upset by the retaliation dealt to their spy plane which was conducting espionage after intruding into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The paper drew attention to the fact that the military provocation of the U.S. imperialists against the northern half of the Republic was committed at a time when the situation in Korea has been brought to an utmost pitch by their din of war exercises in South Korea.

Poland

The Polish paper **"Trybuna Ludu,"** recalling the incident of the "Pueblo," an armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialists, said in a commentary that the two incidents—the "Pueblo" of the sea and the "Pueblo" of the air—were a most eloquent indication of the real nature of the aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

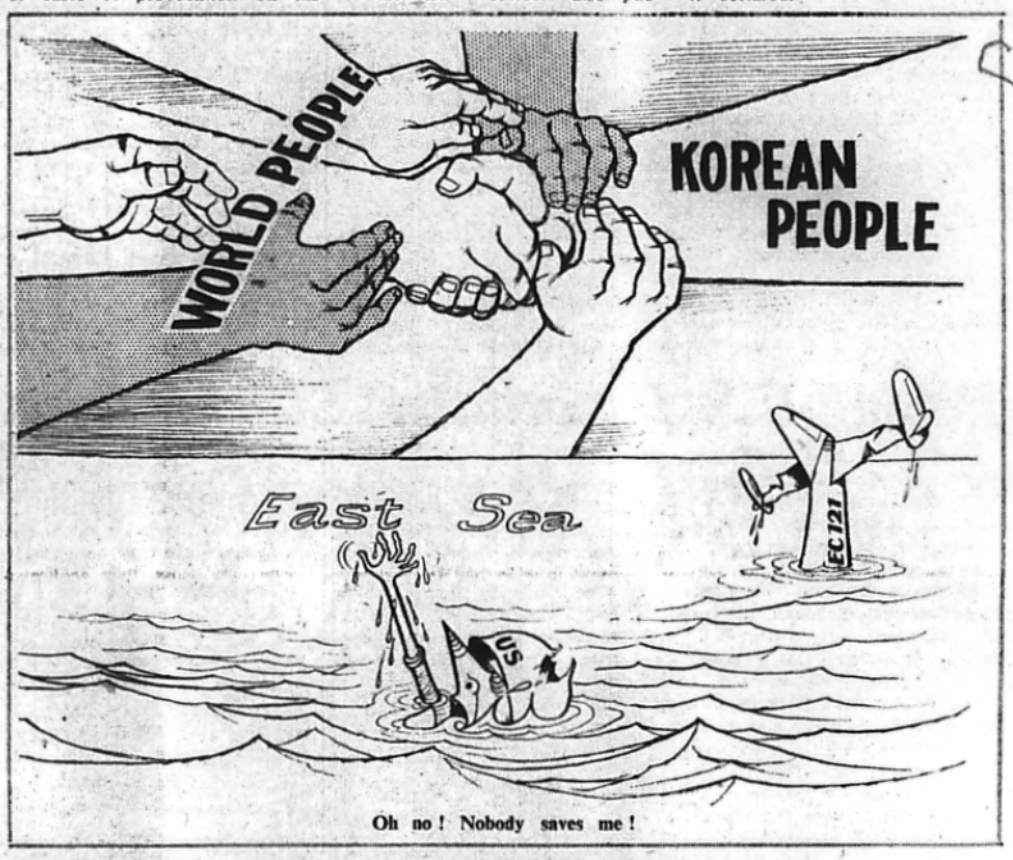
Pointing out that the U.S. imperialist aggressors, having converted South Korea into their permanent military base, committed thousands of cases of provocation on the Military Demarcation Line and recently staged a provocative military exercise called "Focus Retina" operation, the commentary emphasized: All this brings to light the aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists against the sovereignty of People's Korea and its vital interests.

The incident of the "Pueblo," an armed spy ship, clearly showed that the U.S. imperialists were no longer the "strong men" who could send armed forces to all parts of the world.

"Zolnierz Wolnosci" also published a commentary flaying the military provocation of the U.S. imperialists.

"Zycie Warzawy" on the 18th in a commentary pointed out that the U.S. imperialists could not act at will. It said the U.S. imperialist aggressors should know that they could not fly in other's air space with impunity.

Poland and all other socialist countries regard the self-defence action of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as entirely just, it declared.



Oh no ! Nobody saves me !

Behind U.S. Imperialist "EC-121" Case

On Apr. 15, the U.S. imperialist aggressors infiltrated an "EC-121" reconnaissance plane deep into the inviolable territorial air space of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on a highly hostile mission. The enemy spy plane was caught in the act and shot down as a result of the just self-defence measure the heroic Korean People's Army took to defend the security and sovereignty of the fatherland.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said:

"The U.S. imperialist manoeuvres to provoke a new war in Korea have already reached a grave stage. They have made active preparations for another war in South Korea and set about committing military provocations more openly against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

All available evidence indicates that the latest violation of the DPRK air by the enemy spy plane is part of the long-premeditated preparations by the U.S. imperialist aggressors to provoke a new war of aggression in Korea. Today, the desperate U.S. imperialist warmaniacs are trying hard to recover from the repeated setbacks in Vietnam and to bolster up their colonial rule in South Korea which is rapidly disintegrating in face of the mounting revolutionary struggles of the South Korean people.

The first evidence is to be found in the fact that, in the wake of the incident, the main force of the aggressive U.S. 7th Fleet has been deployed in the East Sea under the pretext of "providing armed escort to reconnaissance flights" around the northern half of the DPRK in a reckless attempt to frighten the Korean people into submission and in the fact that the U.S. imperialists are taking a high-handed attitude toward the Korean people. A larger half of "Task Force 71" of the 7th Fleet has been diverted from the Vietnam war theatre to the East Sea.

The war rascal Nixon ordered that all the U.S. imperialist occupation forces in South Korea and the puppet army be alerted for an instant full-scale armed invasion into the northern half; U.S. warplanes have been moved from Japan to South Korea to beef up the "wartime setup" there. The war scoundrels are noisily talking about "joint retaliation" against the northern half, describing the righteous self-defence measure taken by the DPRK as an "aggressive act."

The Sato Government of Japan openly expresses its firm support to the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean people, offering military bases in this country for use of the aggressive "Task Force 71." As is well known, a virtual military alliance has been formed among U.S. imperialism, the South Korean puppets and the Japanese militarists.

Secondly, the narrow long strip of the Demilitarized Zone has been converted into a virtual battleground where the U.S. imperialist aggressors are daily engaged in serious military provocations against the northern half of the DPRK, mobilizing heavy weapons, tanks and airplanes, together with warships.

From the start of this year to Apr. 10, the U.S. imperialists committed at least 2,180 cases of armed assaults, rifle and gun firing and other provocative acts against the northern half around the DMZ.

During a 10-month period from the beginning of last year, the scoundrels fired a total of over 194,000 rounds of ammunition at the northern half across the DMZ, twice as many as the figure in the preceding year.

To take the latest example, on Apr. 23, the U.S. imperialists showered thousands of bullets and shells toward the northern half in the Jookdong and Sewoon-*ri* lines just south of Kimhwa, mobilizing various heavy weapons including 105-mm howitzers.

In line with these intensified military provocations, the U.S. imperialists are frequently conducting a series of military exercises under the imaginary conditions in which they would launch a full-scale attack on the northern half.

The most outstanding among them is a "joint ROK-U.S. mobile operation," dubbed "Focus Retina" which is said to be the "longest airborne assault operation in history." The scoundrels openly declared that the aim of "Focus Retina" was to "threaten" the DPRK.

This operation was designed to "test" an immediate and "effective" transport of huge strategic reserves and combat material from the U.S. mainland to South Korea in case of their surprise attack on the northern half and complete the uniform "command system" under which the "U.S. Mobile Strategic Command" might let loose their aggressive troops and puppet troops quickly in a war of aggression.

This "Focus Retina" was immediately followed by a Mar. 20-22 "joint ROK-U.S. naval and air forces exercise" in the East and West Seas. A U.S. imperialist "Ranger" aircraft carrier and other vessels of the 7th Fleet and airplanes from the U.S. army and puppet army, took part in the joint military exercise.

The frantic efforts on the part of the U.S. imperialists and the puppet clique to increase the military strength in South Korea are given as another reason.

The new war boss of U.S. imperialism Nixon declared, "A Third World War will break out not in Europe, but in Asia" and the war leaders of the enemy raved, "The Korean Peninsula may become another explosive point in the world."

Failing to draw a due lesson from the severe defeat in the Korean War, the U.S. imperialists have continuously attempted to utilize South Korea as their complete military base for future occupation of the whole of Korea and Asia.

Their aggressive war preparations were further stepped up after Johnson visited Seoul in October, 1966, and have been sharply increased particularly since the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" violated the territorial waters of the DPRK to carry out hostile espionage acts.

After the "Pueblo" incident, over 200 airplanes were sent to South Korea from Japan, Okinawa and the U.S. mainland as a major move to "win air supremacy," together with 12,000-man Air Force reinforcements from the U.S. mainland. Most of the pursuit planes in South Korea have recently been replaced with fighter-bombers which are capable of air-to-ground actions. Over 50,000 combat-ready aggressive troops are fully prepared to be flown to South Korea at any time for instant mobilization against the northern half.

The "Forward Headquarters" of the U.S. 5th Air Force was moved to Osan just south of Seoul from Fuchu.

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DPRK Foreign Ministry's Statement

Flays U.S. Imperialism for Expanding Barbarous War of Aggression in Laos

PYONGYANG, Apr. 19 (KCNA)—The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following statement today denouncing the U.S. imperialists who are steadily expanding and intensifying the barbarous war of aggression in Laos of late:

Recently the U.S. imperialists are steadily expanding and intensifying the barbarous war of aggression in Laos.

During the past several months, U.S. imperialism massacred a large number of guiltless people by mobilizing its planes on a big scale and conducting bestial indiscriminate bombing, while intensifying attacks on the areas under the control of the Laotian Patriotic Army by directly commanding the Laotian puppet army. The U.S. imperialist aggressors are expanding the aggressive war in Laos by illegally introducing even their aggressor troops into Laos from South Vietnam.

This criminal act of U.S. imperialism is a brigandish act of aggression gravely infringing upon the sovereignty of the Laotian people and wantonly trampling underfoot the publicly recognized international agreement on Laos.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people resolutely denounce with surging indignation the shameless manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to expand the aggressive war against the Laotian people and fully support the statement issued by the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front on Apr. 7, 1969, in denunciation of the crimes of U.S. imperialism.

Today the U.S. imperialists are frantically trying to expand the aggressive war in Laos as a link in the chain of the manoeuvres to bolster up the crumbling foundation of the rule of their puppets in Laos and, furthermore, to tide over their defeat in the aggressive war in Vietnam and the bankruptcy of their strategy of Asian aggression.

This scheme of U.S. imperialism, however, is nothing but a hopeless adventure. As U.S. imperialism runs wilder, it will only make the position of the scoundrels more difficult. The U.S. imperialists will sustain a still more miserable defeat in face of the powerful counter-attack of the patriotic Laotian people.

Today the Patriotic Armed Forces and people of Laos are growing stronger in the flames of the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle and are dealing heavier blows to the enemy.

The anti-U.S., national salvation struggle of the Laotian people enjoys the extensive support of the peace-loving people the world over.

The Korean people will as ever positively support and encourage with might and main the righteous struggle of the Laotian people against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy, and for building a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Laos.

The Laotian question is an internal affair of the Laotian people and should be solved by the Laotian people themselves without the interference of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must unconditionally stop the barbarous bombing and aggressive acts against the liberated areas of Laos and quit Laos at once, taking their aggressor troops and lethal weapons.

The Laotian people, rallied close around the Laotian Patriotic Front, will surely win final victory in the sacred struggle against U.S. imperialism and its stooges, traitorous clique of Laos.

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Japan, and the U.S. 8th Army headquarters was reorganized into the "Field Headquarters." The strategic satellite communications center was set up within the U.S. army headquarters in Seoul for direct long-range communication with the U.S. mainland and major U.S. military bases scattered over the world.

In spring last year, the 2,500,000-man reserve force was organized as cheap cannon fodder for the U.S. imperialist aggressors to back up the war efforts. Seven puppet army reserve divisions were reactivated according to the "Three-Year Defence Plan."

Modernization of the puppet army is now briskly under way with vigorous backing of the U.S. imperialist masters. Two squadrons of Phantom-type fighter-bombers are to be soon delivered to the puppet army according to additional one million dollar military aid from the U.S. Recently, the puppet army was given two escort ships and two destroyers.

A law was enacted on Apr. 3 which authorizes the puppet regime to freely mobilize all the national resources, manpower and material, for an aggressive war against the DPRK.

So far, to complete the "wartime setup," the scoundrels have vigorously pushing ahead expansion or construction of airfields, harbours, firing ranges, ammunition depots, communications centers, railroads and so on, while accelerating militarization of the economy.

All this work has been under way under the pretext of "modernization." The enemy is also clamoring about measures of coping with "threat from the North," to justify their war rackets.

Another evidence is the fact that the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet traitors have been frantically attempting to suppress and stamp out any social element that is supposed to stand in the way of their policy of aggression and war and to threaten their colonial rule over South Korea.

According to extremely conservative figures released by the scoundrels themselves, in 1967 alone, a total of 166,044 murderous court trials were carried out against the South Korean revolutionaries and patriots. In 1968 the number increased by 57 per cent to 260,000, showing a daily average of 712 court trials.

Another war will mean a suicide to Nixon

Entering this year, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique staged a series of murderous court trials against members of the South Korean United Revolutionary Party and many other patriots on trumped-up charges.

As "vital" part of these desperate new war provocation maneuvers, the U.S. imperialist warmongers have ceaselessly conducted espionage activities on the northern half of the Republic.

One of the typical examples is the so-called "Pueblo" incident, and the most recent one is the espionage act committed by the shot down "EC-121" spy plane.

The scoundrels revealed that at least 190 reconnaissance flights were conducted against the DPRK in past several months.

All these facts graphically testify to the fact that the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique have made all their efforts to provoke a new war of aggression in Korea by all means.

The situation has sharply aggravated by the mad war efforts by the scoundrels to a point where a new war of aggression may be ignited by the U.S. imperialists at any moment against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In view of this, the heroic Korean People's Army and the Korean people who enjoy the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and the outstanding military strategist sternly warn the U.S. imperialist aggressors against their reckless attempt to ignite a new war.

The U.S. imperialists will surely meted out mortal blows by the Korean people if they dare pounce upon them, ignoring their repeated serious warnings.

CHONGRYUN Fully Supports DPRK Red Cross Society Statement

The Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) recently issued a statement fully supporting the statement of the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated Apr. 3. The statement reads in part:

The Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 3, strongly demanding the Japan Red Cross Society immediately withdraw its destructive proposal put forth in its telegram dated Mar. 3 and solve without delay the question of simplifying formalities for the entry of a delegation of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK into Japan for an early resumption of the repatriation operation.

The statement also demanded that in order to satisfactorily solve the question of the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan, the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks should be held at the earliest possible date and the repatriation work resumed forthwith.

It said:

The Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN, in the name of 600,000 Korean citizens here, fully supports this statement of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK.

An immediate resumption of the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan is the unanimous demand of the peoples of Korea and Japan and of the honest-minded people of the world.

But the Japanese Government, which has delayed the resumption of the repatriation operation, pursuing an absurd political purpose hand in glove with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, has become recently all the more open in its machinations to completely wreck the repatriation operation.

The Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society are trying to lay artificial obstacles in the repatriation operation and wreck it at any cost by drawing a third party into the entry question, totally going against their promise to simplify the procedures for the entry into Japan of a delegation of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK in the telegram of the Japan Red Cross Society dated Mar. 3 to the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK.

The Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK in its telegram of Mar. 10 demanded the Japanese side retract such an unjust stand at once, but the Japanese Government and Japan Red Cross Society have not shown any sincerity till today when many days have passed since then.

We cannot repress surging national indignation at such moves of the Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society to wreck the repatriation work. As is well known, it is a sacred national right and a lofty humanitarian question for Korean citizens to return to their fatherland—the DPRK.

At the Colombo talks the Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society demanded the Korean side accept their proposal for conducting only for the six months the repatriation work of the 17,000 people who had already applied for repatriation, but did not try to assume responsibility for solving the question of the other people who hoped for returning home.

Such an argument was repeated in a letter of the Japan Red Cross Society dated Sep. 28, 1968, to the Red Cross Society of the DPRK. Since it sent a letter on Sep. 28, in a desperate effort to mislead public opinion, the Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society have been more viciously plotting to wreck the repatriation work, promising the "special envoys" of the Pak Jung Hi clique to stop the repatriation work after the settlement of "disposal of remaining affairs."

It goes without saying that this is part of the intrigues of the Japanese Government to fabricate the "Immigration and Emigration Control Law" and "Foreigners' School Law" designed to harshly trample upon the democratic, national rights of the Korean citizens in Japan and its hostile policy against the DPRK and its moves to actively join in the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists for the provocation of a new war in Korea.

We are convinced that all the peoples who treasure justice and humanitarianism cannot take their neutral stand between those who defend the repatriation work, lofty humanitarian one, and the enemy who is seeking to destroy it.

We will never tolerate the vicious attempt of the Japanese authorities to beguile us into believing that a satisfactory agreement may be reached on the question of simplifying the procedures of the entry of a delegation of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK into Japan and on the ways for the repatriation of new intending repatriates while continuing with the socalled "disposal of remaining affairs."

The Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society should give up their unwarranted stand.

The Japanese authorities can never evade the legal and moral obligations to ensure the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan to the end, in the light of international law, international practices and the principles of humanitarianism and the historical background of the residence of Korean citizens in Japan.

We strongly demand that the Japanese Government and the Japan Red Cross Society accept the just proposal of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK and thus immediately solve the question of simplifying the procedures of the entry into Japan of a delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society and open again the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks and resume forthwith the repatriation work.

No reactionary forces can ever put down the just demand of the Korean citizens in Japan who desire to return to the DPRK, their glorious fatherland and lead a happy life.

We will unite ever closer around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and continue to fight resolutely to defend the right to repatriation to the end with the support and encouragement of the Japanese people of broad strata.

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